

# Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel



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| Date of meeting:         | 10 October 2024  |
| Title of Report:         | <b>Exclusion and suspensions deep dive</b>   |
| Lead Member:             | Councillor Sally Cresswell (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships)    |
| Lead Strategic Director: | David Haley (Director for Childrens Services)  |
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| Your Reference:          | Exclusions and Suspensions Deep Dive   |
| Key Decision:            | No   |
| Confidentiality:         | Part I - Official  |

## Purpose of Report

To provide the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel with detailed information around Plymouth's numbers of suspensions and permanent exclusions. The report provides an overview of a deep dive undertaken with significant levels of data and trends in Plymouth and how the council and schools in Plymouth are tackling the large numbers of children within those cohorts.

## Recommendations and Reasons

- I. For the Children, Young People and Families Panel to note the report.

## Alternative options considered and rejected

- I. N/A

## Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The ambition of Plymouth's 'Bright Future' plan is for all our children to live full and happy lives. The plan recognises the importance of the local area partnership working together to ensure that children are supported by a system which works seamlessly to spot difficulties early, responds quickly and effectively, and makes sure that help is there for as long as it is needed. The learning from this paper is being used across the local area partnership to plan and deliver collaborative, evidenced based approaches and support our collective ambition for children

## Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

N/A

## Financial Risks

N/A

## Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None.

**Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:**

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**Background papers:**

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| Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Lisa Linscott, Service Director for EPS |   |     |   |         |   |    |   |        |   |            |   |
| Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes                |   |     |   |         |   |    |   |        |   |            |   |
| Date agreed: 01/10/2024  |   |     |   |         |   |    |   |        |   |            |   |
| Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Cresswell approved via email                         |   |     |   |         |   |    |   |        |   |            |   |
| Date approved: 27/09/2024  |   |     |   |         |   |    |   |        |   |            |   |